



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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July 12, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 4, AND 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FCC0000627 - Santa Fe Reservoir Spreading Grounds Horse Trail Modifications, Cities of Irwindale and Duarte (1 and 5), 4-Con Engineering, Inc., with changes in the amount of \$540.69, and a final contract amount of \$442,325.16.

Project ID No. RMD1446009 - Parkway Tree Trimming, MD 1, Chinese Elm, FY 2003-04, vicinities of Baldwin Park, Hacienda Heights, and Altadena (1, 4, and 5), West Coast Arborists, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$9,578.00, and a final contract amount of \$92,459.00.

Project ID No. RMD1446012 - Parkway Tree Trimming, Fast Growth, Road Division 416, FY 2004-05, vicinities of Whittier and Hacienda Heights (4), Orozco Landscape and Tree Co., with changes amounting to a credit of \$4,240.00, and a final contract amount of \$118,360.00.

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Project ID No. RMD4446013, Parkway Tree Trimming, Fast Growth, RD 417, FY 2004-05, vicinities of Diamond Bar, La Habra Heights, and Rowland Heights (4), United Pacific Services, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$290.00, and a final contract amount of \$62,975.00.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action is to obtain Board ratification of the Acting Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Acting Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID Nos. FCC0000627, RMD1446009, RMD1446012, and RMD4446013.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The modifications to the contract amounts range in value from a credit of \$9,578.00 to an increase of \$540.69, while the total values of the contracts range from \$62,975.00 to \$442,325.16.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Acting Director of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000627, SANTA FE RESERVOIR SPREADING GROUNDS  
HORSE TRAIL MODIFICATIONS (Cities of Irwindale and Duarte),  
Supervisory Districts 1 and 5.

Contractor: 4-Con Engineering, Inc., 14771 Washington Drive, Fontana,  
California 92334-2217

Project Description:

Construction of a reinforced concrete channel, an 18" reinforced concrete pipe, wall gutter, an inlet structure, an outlet structure with grouted riprap invert, and a composite riding surface horse trail; and installation of chainlink fence and cable railings.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$11,630.00)
(2) Permit Fees	5,126.31
(3) Repair 4" Water Line	7,438.13
(4) Overtime Inspection	<u>(393.75)</u>
Total	\$ <u>540.69</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) Your Board previously approved a change in work to reimburse the contractor for the Caltrans Encroachment Permit fee, Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) right of entry fee, and the cost of excess liability insurance as required by SCRRA. The cost for this work exceeded the original estimate by the amount shown.

(3) While excavating, the contractor encountered an abandoned water line that interfered with the installation of the pipe. The contractor was directed to remove the interfering portion of this line and to repair and reconnect the remaining portion of the line for future dam operations. It will be necessary to compensate the contractor for this work.

(4) The contractor requested 7.5 hours of overtime inspection, which resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount shown.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The cost for Item 2 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications. The cost for Item 3 was based on time and materials as provided in subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications. The cost for Item 4 was stipulated in the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on March 23, 2004, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$344,534.50
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	97,249.97
Changes in work authorized by the Acting Director of Public Works	<u>540.69</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$442,325.16</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1446009, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, MD 1, CHINESE ELM, FY 2003-04 (in the vicinities of Baldwin Park, Hacienda Heights, and Altadena),  
Supervisory Districts 1, 4, and 5

Contractor: West Coast Arborists, Inc., 2200 East Via Burton Street, Anaheim,  
California 92806

Project Description:

Trimming of chinese elm trees.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$9,578.00)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

Due to the vast geographic nature of the project, 30 additional working days were granted to the contractor at no additional cost to the department to complete the project.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on May 24, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$102,037.00
Changes in work authorized by the Acting Director of Public Works	<u>(9,578.00)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$ <u>92,459.00</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1446012, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, FAST GROWTH,  
ROAD DIVISION 416, FY 2004-05 (in the vicinities of Whittier and Hacienda Heights),  
Supervisory District 4

Contractor: Orozco Landscape and Tree Co., P.O. Box 1140, Glendora,  
California 91740

Project Description:

Trimming of parkway trees.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$4,240.00)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on June 17, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$122,600.00
Changes in work authorized by the Acting Director of Public Works	<u>(4,240.00)</u>
<b>FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b><u>\$118,360.00</u></b>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD4446013, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, FAST GROWTH,  
RD 417, FY 2004-05 (in the vicinities of Diamond Bar, La Habra Heights, and  
Rowland Heights), Supervisorial District 4

Contractor: United Pacific Services, Inc., 1740 North Hills Drive, La Habra,  
California 90631

Project Description:

Trimming of parkway trees.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$290.00)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on June 6, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$63,265.00
Changes in work authorized by the Acting Director of Public Works	<u>(290.00)</u>
<b>FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b><u>\$62,975.00</u></b>

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